

CLASSIFICATION SECRETCOUNTRY CZECHOSLOVAKIA REPORTTOPIC 1. Czech Border Guard Troops in As.2. Czech Border Guard Measures in the Area Southwest and West of Zittau.

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1. Prior to early April 1954, Czech border guard troops were observed in the former poorhouse in the southeastern sector of As (M 51/P 18). Some of these soldiers wore the dog head insignia. Friends of source said that the billets quartered at least 200 men. Occasionally, two light guns were observed with these troops. In late 1954, radiotelephones were used for the training of the soldiers. In the spring of 1954, the unit frequently held combat practices in the environs of the city. According to friends of source, about 500 recruits arrived in As in late October 1954. 25X1
2. In early April 1955, other border guard troops who numbered at least an estimated 200 men were observed in a former weaving mill, about 350 meters northeast of the slaughterhouse and on the southeast side of Churchillova. This billeting area was the largest of the station and included an armory. In the spring of 1955, small groups of this unit were frequently observed training with small arms in the area southeast of the billets. 25X1 25X1
3. Prior to April 1955, other billets of border guard troops were located in the former "Wolfram" spinning mill, 200 meters east of the As Predmesti railroad station on the west side of the Krasna (Schoenbach, M 51/P 19) road. These billets were occupied by a small unit of about 60 men. 25X1
4. Prior to April 1955, no other military billets were known to exist in the area of the station. The former brewery northwest of the city and on the east side of the Krasna (Schoenbach) road was no longer used for military purposes. No army troops were located in the area of the station. 25X1
5. Between 14 and 27 July 1955, it was observed that the tracing track on the Czech side of the border had again been renewed in the sector southwest and west of Zittau (O 51/F 97). The wire obstacles in this sector were in order, and the watchtowers near Hartau (O 51/F 97), Luechendorf (O 51/F 97) and Oybin (O 51/F 97) were occupied by sentries. Starting on about 10 July 1955, German trains which passed through Czech territory

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on the Gross Schoenau (0 51'F 87) - Varnsdorf (0 51'F 87) - Seifhennersdorf (0 51'F 87) line were escorted by Czech border guard soldiers who wore green service color. In the sector which could be observed from the railroad line, the Czech border obstacle was in good repair.

Comment. The present report again confirms that border guard troops (PS), presumably a battalion of the PS brigade in Eger (Cheb), are stationed at Asch (As). The occupation of the individual installations in Asch is still undetermined.

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